

Remarks

Claims 1-21 were pending. Claim 15 has been amended to correct typographical errors. Claims 1-8, 14, 19, and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice as the result of a restriction requirement. No claims have been added. Thus claims 9-13, 15-18, and 21 are subject to continued examination.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction of the following inventions under 35 USC §121:

- I. Claims 1-8, 14, 19-20, drawn to the method of making, classified in class 156 or 427 in various classes.
- II. Claims 9-13, 15-18 and 21, drawn to the article, classified in class 442, subclass 059+.

Applicant's Attorney, Ms. Sara Current, made a provisional election by telephone on September 1, 2005, herein confirmed, to prosecute the invention of Group II, Claims 9-13, 15-18 and 21 in this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of Claims 1-8, 14, and 19-20 in a separate application.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 9-13, 15-18, and 21 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the

claims of copending Application No. 10/044414, 10/040742, 10/044171, 10/0045206, 10/0044166, and 10/044173. Application No. 10/044414 and 10/0044166 have issued as US patents 6,936,076 and 6,749,641 respectively. Since these are only outstanding rejections, Applicants believe claims 9-13, 15-18, and 21 would be allowable once these Double Patenting rejections have been overcome. Terminal disclaimers to all such references are enclosed herewith. Accordingly, it is believed that these rejections have been overcome.

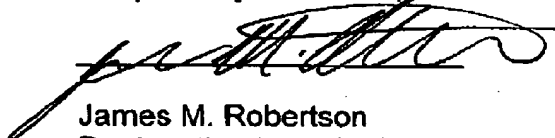
Conclusion:

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims now stand in condition for allowance.

Should any issues remain after consideration of this Amendment and accompanying Remarks, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned in the hope that any such issue may be promptly and satisfactorily resolved.

Extension of Time: A two month extension of time accompanies this submission. In the event that additional time is required to have the papers submitted herewith for the above referenced application to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for any additional time required to make these papers timely and authorization is hereby granted to withdraw any additional fees necessary for this additional time from our Deposit Account No. 50-1424.

Respectfully submitted,



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